

*Palm Sunday*

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*Philippians 4:4-9*  
*John 12:1-18*

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*Homily by*  
*Subdn. Tim Mellor*

*Epistle Reader:*  
*Russell Clodfelter*

*Coffee Hour Hosts:*  
*Stallman / Weaver*

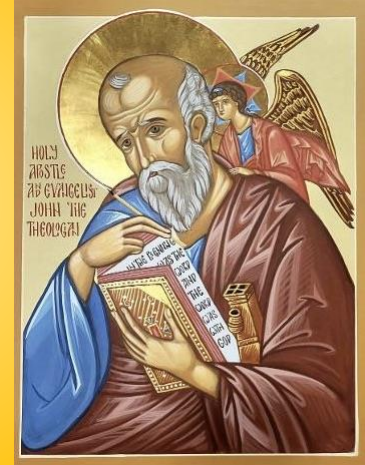
# St. John Orthodox Cathedral



## Weekly Bulletin

*Sunday, April 13, 2025*

*And the Days Following*



*O Apostle John, speaker of Deity, the beloved of Christ our God, hasten to deliver your people powerless in speech, for He on Whose bosom you lean accepts you as an intercessor. Beseech Him, therefore, to disperse the darkness of ignorance and pray for peace and great mercies to be shown upon us.*

## *Feast Days and Services*

### **This Weekend - Lazarus Saturday Services – April 11 & 12**

**Friday, April 11** – Little Compline with the Canon for Saint Lazarus

(last day of Lent) at 7:15pm

**Saturday, April 12** – Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom at 9:15am with Chrismation of Joshua and Nicole Unser, Zachary and Nellie Doss, Bradley Forbes and Baptism of Natalie Doss



### *Palm Sunday*

*Palm Sunday marks Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.*

*It also ushers in Holy Week.*

*Note: Palms Will Be Blessed at 10am*

*Bridegroom Matins Sunday Evening, April 13 at 7:15pm  
(Confession Following)*

### ***Holy Week Schedule – [Link to Calendar](#)***

- ❖ Holy Monday, April 14, Bridegroom Matins at 7:15pm (*Confession Following*)
- ❖ Holy Tuesday, April 15, Bridegroom Matins at 7:15pm (*Confession Following*)
- ❖ Holy Wednesday, April 16, Holy Unction Service at 7:15pm
- ❖ Holy Thursday, April 17, Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil at 6:15pm
- ❖ Holy Friday, April 18, Matins with 12 Gospels 7:15am // Royal Hours at 12:15pm, 3:15pm
- ❖ Holy Friday, April 18, Great Vespers at 6:15pm with Veneration of the Shroud
- ❖ Holy Friday, April 18, All Night Vigil begins after Great Vespers
- ❖ Holy Saturday, April 19, Matins at 7:15am with Lamentations & Procession with the Shroud
- ❖ Holy Saturday, April 19, Vespertal Liturgy of Saint Basil at 4:15pm

*Note: Holy Friday and Saturday are strict Fast Days, with a light meal after Saturday Liturgy*

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## *Parish Events and News*



### **Pussy Willows and Palms - Lazarus Saturday Workshop This Saturday, April 12 from 5-7pm Soup and Bread Provided**

Please join in binding palms and Pussy Willows on Lazarus Saturday evening (April 12) from 5pm-7 pm. We will also be making palm crosses and there will be a small children's art project for Pascha. Soup and bread will be provided! Many hands make light work so please consider coming even if it is for just a half hour. Thanks so much and please reach out with any questions! — Cara Fletes



### **Kid's Choir Practice**

Kids aged 4 through high school are invited to come join the Kid's Choir. We will practice for the Pascha season Sundays beginning today at 12:05pm in the Nave. Hope to see you!

### **Last Folk Dance Practice for Pascha**

Please join us this Sunday the 13th at 4:30pm in the church basement to learn and refresh folk dances for the Pascha feast! Please feel free to bring a snack to share. If you have any questions, please ask Jessica Kies or Kathleen Sorensen.



### **Holy Wednesday April 16– The Anointing Service at 7:15pm**

This service is for the anointing of the sick for Orthodox Christians. Seven epistles and gospels will be read with the anointing afterwards. It is about 100 minutes long.

### **Holy Friday and Saturday All Night Vigil April 18 and 19**

Sign-up sheets will be put out on the table in the Narthex. Please note younger people need to have a monitor sign-up to supervise the Friday Night and Saturday morning Vigil.



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## *All Things Pascha* **Easter Feast – April 20, 2025**

We look forward to celebrating with everyone on Pascha! Here is the order of events to be aware of for the feast. Children's egg hunt (immediately following Agape vespers/procession) & appetizers (*Around 4pm*).

- ❖ Blessing of the food & time to eat!
- ❖ Dessert & begin moving tables for dancing
- ❖ Folk dancing
- ❖ Feast ends & clean up begins (*Around 8pm*)



## Easter Feast Potluck Sign-Up Sheets



Sign Up

Please look for the Easter feast potluck sign-up sheets at coffee hour this week and sign up to bring a dish, or two if possible (salad, side dish, or dessert, enough to serve 12 people). You can bring your dishes to the

church kitchen before the Agape Vespers on Pascha and pick them up from the tables outside the kitchen as you leave the feast. There is also a sign up for volunteers to help in the kitchen on the day of the feast. Thank you so much! Contact Mary Ruth Alexander (907-854-4828) with any questions.



## Food For Hungry People

*~Remember to Turn In Your 'Food For Hungry Boxes' This Week~  
You can leave them in the Narthex and the office will pick them up daily.*

## The Basic Plan

- ❖ Have meats, drinks, appetizers, and ice cream provided for everyone by the Cathedral through an organized volunteer effort.
- ❖ Other foods – side dishes, salads, and other desserts – will be provided through a Potluck.
- ❖ **\*Each household, regardless of size,** is asked to make a suggested contribution of **\$20 or more**. This can be paid on the church website "[Donate](#)" page by choosing the category "Pascha Feast" or by writing a check and putting it in the tithe box with memo "Easter Feast".
- ❖ Every family in the Church is asked to participate in bringing a dish to the potluck (there will be sign-up sheets for different dishes closer to Pascha downstairs). We also ask those that can help with dish duty in the kitchen to please do so (there will also be a sign-up sheet near Pascha for this). Dish duty is a big job, and the work should be spread out between many people.
- ❖ Please also keep an eye out for the sign-up sheets for Bright Monday clean up.
- ❖ Contact Sydney if you are interested in helping (even for a small role) and she will direct you to a task.

## Pascha Egg Hunt

We will have the Pascha Egg Hunt immediately following Agape Vespers (and the Procession to the Cemetery) on Pascha afternoon. All children through 6th Grade are welcome! Meet outside the upstairs main church entrance where kids will be divided into groups according to age/grade. Hopefully, weather and outside conditions will allow for outdoor egg hunting, so dress accordingly! Also, bring baskets or bags for collecting eggs. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Kristine Lindblom (907-887-3398) or Jennifer Saur (907-726-7389).



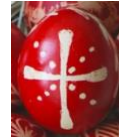


## Coffee Hour This Sunday - April 13, 2025 Group B - Second Sunday of the Month

**Hosts Families: Stallman / Weaver**

Snacks: Agnew, Alvarez, Betson, Davison, Davisson, Drennan, B & D Dunaway, J & B Dunaway, Finkler, Grasse, Hoyt, Ihde, Keener, Klatt, Komar, Lineer, Lowry, Moffatt, Peters, Ray, Schlicting, Stevens, Sturdevant, Villafana

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*No Coffee Hour - Pascha - Sunday, April 20*



*Remember to contact me if you will be out of town from May-August. This information will be helpful as I work on the next schedule. [Jennifergillquist@gmail.com](mailto:Jennifergillquist@gmail.com) or text 907-632-1064.*

ST. JOHN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

# SUMMER DAY CAMP 2025

**JUNE 3RD-5TH**  
9:45AM - 12:30 PM

**AGES 2-12**  
ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL & THE ST. JAMES HOUSE

**JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP, FRIENDS, & FUN!**  
PLEASE REGISTER BY MAY 5TH  
REGISTRATION FORMS IN THE NARTHEX 😊

**PARENT VOLUNTEERS ARE APPRECIATED!**

A \$10.00 DONATION PER CHILD WOULD BE APPRECIATED!  
SCAN THE QR CODE TO DONATE!

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL CARA FLETES AT 907-854-6632, OR JESSICA KIES AT 907-390-7032.

**CAMPERS AND PARENTS: JOIN US FOR A CAMPOUT ON THE CHURCH LAWN!**  
6PM JUNE 5 TO 10AM JUNE 6

## Save the Date for Summer Day Camp and Register Now June 3, 4 and 5

This summer we are excited to offer a St. John Day Camp June 3rd, 4th, and 5th. The camp will run from 9:45 am - 12:30 pm and is open to children ages 2-12. We have a wonderful set of volunteers to help lead the camp. See more information in the camp flyer below. If you are interested in registering for Day Camp please find a form to fill out and put in the Cara Fletes' mail-box folder. Thank you! Please call or email Cara Fletes or Jessica Kies with any questions!

# News From Our Antiochian Archdiocese

His Eminence  
The Most Reverend  
Metropolitan SABA



Archbishop of New York  
and Metropolitan of  
All North America

## ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE OF NORTH AMERICA

Prot. no.: 145/2025

Palm Sunday  
April 13, 2025

To be read from the pulpit and printed in the bulletin.

Venerable Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy and Christ-loving Faithful of this Archdiocese,

Greetings to you and your families on this Great Feast of the Church. As we complete the forty-day fast and prepare to enter into the most solemn week of the Church year, we pause this weekend to celebrate the raising of Lazarus and our Lord's triumphant and radiant entry into the holy city of Jerusalem.

Today, as we celebrate this feast, we also take time to remember our beloved Mother Church, headed by our Father in Christ, His Beatitude Patriarch JOHN X. For more than a decade, the lands of the Patriarchate have endured immense hardship, marked by war, displacement, economic collapse, and social instability. In recent months, these trials have deepened, and the remaining Christian communities throughout the region continue to experience heightened vulnerability, uncertainty, and fear. Let us fervently pray for His Beatitude, the hierarchs, clergy, and all the faithful of the entire region as they endure ongoing suffering with steadfastness and faith.

Each year on this special day, we appeal to you—the faithful of our God-protected Archdiocese—for an offering of love to be sent to His Beatitude from his spiritual children across North America. Amid the ongoing difficulties, His Beatitude is burdened with the sacred responsibility of sustaining the life and witness of the Church in conditions of great instability. Our spiritual brothers and sisters are in need—many are hungry, without heat, and lacking opportunities for work. While we lift them up in prayer, let us also offer material support as an expression of solidarity and love.

Wishing you a prayerful Holy Week and a most joyous and radiant Pascha, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

+SABA  
Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

*"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11: 26)*

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## Local Community News



### Executive Director Needed for Love Inc. of Eagle River

March 27, 2025

Dear Pastor and Staff,

We are seeking a new Christian person to be our Executive Director for our local Love INC (*Love In the Name of Christ*) of Eagle River. Rev. Gracie Jackson is retiring from this position. Our local ministry is about "*Helping Churches Help People.*" As you know, the *Apostle's Creed* is the foundation of our ministry. We hope that our years serving local families in need -*with Christian care* - can continue. Will you help us spread the word to qualified individuals and encourage them to apply. We thank you for your help, and especially your prayers, in finding the right person. We know God has a plan, and we trust Him to unfold it.

Sincerely, Love INC Search Committee, Kevin Dougherty ([doughertykb@yahoo.com](mailto:doughertykb@yahoo.com)), Wendy Cleveland, Lori Mills, Teri Rose

**Please Note: Job Description is on the Basement Bulletin Board  
Or you can email them at [loveincfeagleriver@gmail.com](mailto:loveincfeagleriver@gmail.com)**

## Notes and Pictures from Parishioners

### “Checking In” with Each Other

Is there something you’d like to share? Please email: [cathedral@stjohnalaska.org](mailto:cathedral@stjohnalaska.org)



### Men’s Retreat



Men at the retreat enjoy the view and the sunshine at Beach Lake during a break. The retreat was organized by Tim Mellor and Benjamin Dunaway, on the theme prayer, using the small book on prayer by Fr.

Michael Kaiser. There were three presentations followed by small group discussions. It was a time for fellowship and reflection that we hope to do again next year.

### Bridal Shower Honoring Kathleen Sorensen



## Thank You Note from Fr. Alexis, Pani Delaney, Otis, Jack & Cecilia Clodfelter to Fr. Marc and St. John's Parish

Thank you so much for the outpouring of love as we celebrated Fr. Alexis' ordination to the holy priesthood. It was a wonderful occasion shared by many. God willing Fr. Alexis will graduate May 24 and it's off to wherever the army sends us sometime over summer. Please keep us in your prayers.

### *Dates to Remember*

#### *Birthdays This Week*

April 13 - Alison Lineer

April 15 - Fr. Robert Polson

April 14 - John Marc Dunaway

*M A N Y   Y E A R S !*



#### *Remembering in Prayer...*

*Gwyn Jones  
Joe Dunham*

*Chris Grasse  
Josphine Hanna & her  
family*

*Kerry Jones  
Elisa Betson*

*Sylvia Villafana  
Helen Gillquist*

*We continue to pray for all those suffering in Ukraine  
and for all those suffering in Israel and Gaza, for a quick end to  
war and for peace*

#### *Remembering Those Who Have Fallen Asleep This Month*



\* Kent Allen Ihde - April 13, 2000

\* Herb Enns - April 21, 2003

*M E M O R Y   E T E R N A L !*

#### *Clare House Meal - 4th Saturday of Each Month*

For the Month of **APRIL** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:  
**April 26, 2025.** Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



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## THE SYNAXARION



### Palm Sunday

On this day in the Holy Orthodox Church, the Sunday of Palms, we celebrate the radiant and glorious festival of the Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem.

#### *Verses*

*He Who stretches out the firmament and sat on the foal,  
Seeks to release mortals from their sinful passions.*

Jesus came to Bethany on the Sunday before the six days of the Mosaic Passover. On the following day He sent out two of His Disciples, who brought Him a donkey on which He sat to enter the city. And when the great multitude heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they immediately took palm branches in their hands and went out to meet Him. They all cried, “Hosanna! Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel!” The branches of palm trees were a symbol of Christ’s victory over Satan and Death. And “Hosanna” means “We pray You, save us!” The donkey’s colt, which was still an untamed animal and impure according to the law, as well as Christ’s sitting on it, symbolizes the former barbarity and impurity of the Gentiles; and the subsequent taming of them and their obedience to the holy law of the Gospel.

By Your ineffable compassion, O Christ our God, make us victors over the worldly passions, and make us worthy to see Your glorious victory over death, and Your radiant and life-bearing Resurrection, and have mercy on us. Amen.

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#### **Bulletin Announcement Guidelines**

Send announcements to church email address: [cathedral@stjohnalaska.org](mailto:cathedral@stjohnalaska.org) Have announcements submitted by Thursday or at very latest Friday 9am. If you have any questions regarding announcements – contact Maris Kelly at the church office. 907-696-2002.

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